

I do not support your efforts to expand how many broadcast stations one company can own in a market. I live in a town where clear channel has purchased several TV and radio stations. The result has been homogenized music on the radio and shoddy, innacurate journalism with the TV. Every morning my alarm clock goes off with the radio. It is on a clear channel station and every morning the list of songs they play is roughly the same. Clear channel does not play local music, clear channel does not play new "unproven" music. As a result the consumer who listens to clear channel (one of their stations here in Eugene is the only pop station) gets the same stuff over and over again, nothing that isn't already a hit and nothing local. We do have another radio station in the area that I have started listening to. Its call letters are KRVM and it has an excellent, eclectic mix of music. I fear that if there are no restrictions on how many TV/Radio stations in an area can be owned by one company I, the consumer, will lose out. What do I do if Clear Channel buys KRVM, and switches to the same homogenized lists of approved music (approved by corporate headquarters, not the local community)? How is that in my communities best interest? How will I, a citizen of this country, be served by one media company owning everything in the area with no diverse views at all? How can a competitor with less money than Clear Channel hope to compete? In my opinion, this change to the broadcast rules will just give media companies a chance to grab everything in the interest of increased profit, not what is best for the community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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